



SEATTLE AQUARIUM

JOB POSTING

Marine Science Educator

- Posted:** Open to internal and external candidates
- Reports to:** School and Family Programs Manager
- Status:** Exempt, salaried
- Hours of Work:** Standard work week but must be flexible and available to work evenings and weekends as needed.
- Dated Needed:** September 1, 2014
- Posting Expires:** July 18, 2014

About the Seattle Aquarium: The Seattle Aquarium is owned by the City of Seattle and under nonprofit management. The Aquarium currently serves over 825,000 visitors and 50,000 school children and their teachers annually. Guided by the mission of *Inspiring Conservation of our Marine Environment*, the Seattle Aquarium has a realistic plan for phased growth based on record-setting attendance, membership and fundraising growth, an energized Board of Directors and professional management. The current annual budget is \$12 million.

Position Overview:

The Marine Science Educator will be an implementer of programs for the K-12, family and adult audiences within School and Family Programs. The Educator will work with the appropriate coordinator to oversee volunteers while instructing in the classroom, ensure the ongoing excellence of SF programs, and assist with the development of new programming as needed.

The successful candidate will bring the following to our team of professional educators; enthusiasm for marine science and education, an ability to work collaboratively in a team setting, strong networking and communication abilities,

and excellent interpersonal skills for working with teachers, students and the general public.

Primary job functions:

- Deliver high quality programs in all areas of School and Family program audiences including but not limited to classroom programs for K-12 audience, outreach programs for K-12 audience, summer camp instruction, and family audience programs. Conduct programs in languages other than English as applicable.
- Working cooperatively with the coordinator, act as a program lead on specific programs as needed.
- Act as lead on the maintenance or creation of education collections both living and other as needed.
- Assist with the training of new temporary staff and volunteers in programming.
- Work with appropriate coordinator to write curriculum, develop programs or create educational materials as needed and in languages other than English as applicable.
- Contribute through professional conduct to a working environment that is energetic, innovative, and collaborative.
- Keep familiar with current research in informal/non-formal learning environments.
- Other Tasks such as maintenance and organization of school supplies, participation in regular meetings & program focus groups as needed.

Special Knowledge, Skills, Training:

- Interest and expertise in marine science and conservation
- Experience in informal curriculum writing
- Knowledge of current informal education best practices
- Excellent teaching and interpretive skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Proficiency in office software applications
- Comfort with instructional technologies
- Familiarity with State and National educational standards, Ocean Literacy Principles
- Washington driver's license (or eligibility to obtain one upon arrival) and a good driving record.

- U.S. citizenship or foreign citizen's U.S. work permit appropriate for the work.
- First aid and CPR certifications.
- Must pass a criminal background check

Education:

- BA/BS Degree, type: education, science, or related field (minimum)

Experience:

- 2-3 years teaching experience in an informal education facility.
- 1-2 years education program development experience in informal education facility.
- Experience with intertidal animal handling, care and collection.

Working Conditions:

- Be able to stand for long periods of time and lift 30 lbs or more.
- Requires duties to be carried out in offices, exhibits, classrooms, outdoor field excursions and off site training and travel.
- Job requires time spent in the offices, exhibits, service areas, classrooms and in the field.
- Job requires working outdoors in all weather conditions and terrain.
- Flexible schedule and ability to work evenings, holidays and weekends.

Salary and Benefits: Salary DOE. This is a full time Salaried/Exempt position. Comprehensive benefits package includes: medical, dental with family coverage available, Short and Long term disability, Life Insurance, 403b retirement and generous paid time off.

How to Apply: To apply please send a one page letter of interest, salary requirements and your resume to jobs@seattleaquarium.org.

Note: Application review will begin after July 18th.

**Must pass a Background check, upon job offer, to be eligible for this position.